

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Lafayette City Hall – Board of Works Room

Commission Members in Attendance: John Burns, Julie Ginn, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Patti Morgan, Amy Paget, Glen Vick and Kurt Wahl

Staff in Attendance: John Collier, Dann Keiser, Michelle Conwell

Guests: Tom Gall, project representative for 521 Main Street; Robert Hockema, owner of 521 Main Street; Ryan Kennedy, owner of 315 Columbia Street

Call to Order

Noting a quorum, John Burns called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:02 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Sean Lutes moved to recommend approval of the of the December 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Julie Ginn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Historic Preservation Commission Committee Assignments

Committee assignments were discussed and all members agreed to remain on their current committees as listed below:

COA Committee:

Kurt Wahl, Chair

Julie Ginn

Sean Lutes

Public Relations and Education Committee (Chair to be selected at its next meeting):

Kevin Klinker

Amy Paget

Glen Vick

District Committee:

Shawna McCully, Chair

John Burns

Patti Morgan

Kevin Klinker moved to approve the Historic Preservation Commission committee assignments. Patti Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations and Education Committee report

No report was made by the Public Relations and Education Committee.

District Committee report

No report was made by the Public Relations and Education Committee.

COA Committee report

COA applications:

COA- 521 Main Street

The first COA is for the renovation of the non-original storefront on 521-525 Main Street, owned by Robert Hockema. With Kurt Wahl, Chair of the COA Committee, acting as the architect and the applicant for this project, Kurt recused himself from voting for this COA at both the COA Committee meeting and this meeting and only presented the information to the other Commissioners. The proposal is to remove the non-original sheet metal on the existing storefront, repair the existing vertical features, including cast iron columns, if still there, provide new storefront doors, windows, transom, sign board and cornice. The

existing storefront is not original so the proposed renovation will re-establish a more traditional storefront consistent with other buildings of that time period and with the adjacent buildings. Mr. Wahl pointed out that a portion of the easternmost column is exposed and appears to be cast iron. He is hopeful the others will be intact behind the storefront as well and can be repaired. If not, the columns will be rebuilt with new materials to match the details of the existing cast iron column. The new windows and doors at the entrances will be Kawneer aluminum doors and windows painted black. Mr. Keiser indicated that since the original storefront is not original, the proposed project is consistent with Secretary of Interior standards. Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval the 521 Main Street COA. Glen Vick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COA- 315 Columbia Street

The second COA is for 315 Columbia Street, owned and presented by Ryan Kennedy. It includes a front (north) and rear (south) façade renovation as well as a third story addition on the alley (south) side of the building that has an exposed west facing wall as well. The 2nd and 3rd floor will be divided into multiple dwelling units while the 1st floor will remain in as-is condition. The first floor storefront will not be altered, but the existing exterior plaster on the upper story north façade will be covered with a grouted thin brick, color to be Ale House. The existing windows on the front of the building will be replaced with Marvin aluminum clad, double hung windows, color to be Bronze. A third floor addition on the west side of the building will be covered with stucco (cement board with a parge coat). Two new Marvin aluminum clad casement windows (color to be Bronze) will be added to south face of the new third floor addition. The four existing windows on the second floor south side will be removed and replaced with two new Marvin aluminum clad casement windows with no trim and will be installed in line with the new windows on the third floor addition. The color of the new windows will be Bronze to match the other replacement windows. The first floor windows and door on the south side will remain. The trim around the existing windows on the first floor will be cedar trim and painted to match the Bronze color. The existing concrete block wall facing west may be painted, but the entire south wall, including the new third floor addition, will be covered with grouted thin brick, color to be Ale House. The COA Committee reviewed this application and recommended approval. Sean Lutes moved to recommend approval the 315 Columbia Street COA. Patti Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

John Collier spoke about the upcoming Preserving Historic Places Conference, April 14-17, in South Bend, Indiana. This opportunity would apply toward continuing education credits for Commission members and staff. John Burns, Patti Morgan, Amy Paget and John Collier were interested in attending the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) pre-conference workshop on Tuesday, April 14. There are two scholarships available to the Commission for those who wish to attend more of the conference seminars.

Public Comment

John Burns asked for additional comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Julie Ginn moved to adjourn the meeting. Sean Lutes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
Glen Vick, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission